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INDIANA BLACK LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS HOSTS "MAKING THE DREAM A REALITY" PROGRAM

INDIANAPOLIS – On April 4, the Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) will host their First Annual "Making the Dream a Reality" program in commemoration of the 37th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Senator Robert Kennedy's speech following the news of the assassination. The 40th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, an example of the political empowerment espoused by both Dr. King and Senator Kennedy, will also be recognized.

"During the program, we will look backward as well as forward," said IBLC member State Rep. William Crawford (D-Indianapolis). "We will celebrate and rededicate ourselves to the concepts of peace, non-violence and social justice that Dr. King so passionately championed and Senator Kennedy so eloquently articulated."

Crawford added that the commemoration provides an opportunity for those present to recommit themselves to fighting for some of the issues Dr. King and Senator Kennedy fought for, such as social, political, economic and education equality.

The commemoration's sponsoring groups are the IBLC, The Indiana Christian Leadership Conference (ICLC), The City of Indianapolis Indiana Black Expo (IBE), the Indiana Chapter of the Rainbow Push Coalition, and the Concerned Clergy.

A member of the King family has accepted an invitation to be present at the program and a member of the Kennedy family has been invited to attend as well.

The location of the event will be the Kennedy/King Park at 17th and Broadway, which is the location of Senator Kennedy's speech, and will run from 5 PM to 6:01 PM. Special significance will be given to the exact time of Dr. King's assassination at 6:01 PM.